CAPTAIN AMERICA

IRON MAN

THOR

SPIDER-WOMAN

REED RICHARDS

YELLOWJACKET

THE WASP

BLACK WIDOW

WOLVERINE

SPIDER-MAN

LUKE CAGE

RONIN

NICK FURY

JESSICA JONES

QUAKE

STATURE

HAWKEYE

IRON FIST

ARES

MARVEL BOY

BULLSEYE

NORMAN OSBORN

JARVIS

THE HOOD

The shape-shifting alien race known as the Skrulls has invaded Earth.

First they deployed a well-planned secret invasion using their shape-shifting ability to seed mistrust among the Avengers and other heroes around the world. Now they have struck fast and hard, setting up camp and making their intentions clear.

The Earth is now part of the Skrull Empire.

Even though they've escaped the traps set for them, Earth's heroes, including the Avengers, have been defeated both mentally and physically. They didn't even know the extent of the invasion or which of them was – or could be – a Skrull agent until they got back to New York, where the Skrull Queen, disguised as Spider-Woman, believes she's established a foothold.

Now the heroes are regrouping: Reed Richards has discovered a way to see past the Skrulls' genetic shape-shifting and the humans can now tell who is who for the first time in possibly years, the mighty Thor has signalled both the humans and Skrulls to do battle on the fields of Central Park and the Hood has arrived with an army of villains to fight for Earth.

For the first time in years, the original Avengers are united and Nick Fury is back on the battlefield. And for the first time ever, heroes and villains fight as one.

All against the collective army of the Skrulls.

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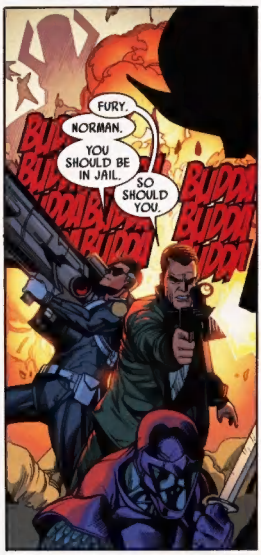
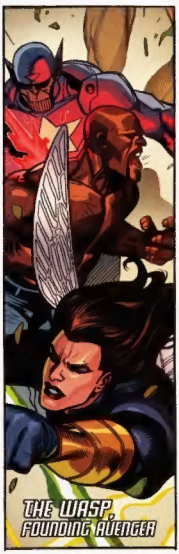
BOOM!
GET TO THE QUEEN. GET TO THE JESSICA DREW SKRULL. TAKE OUT THE LEADER!
I'M ON IT, BRAINS.
FOR SO MANY REASONS.
REED, KEEP THAT SKRULL DETECTOR OF YOURS FULL BLAST!
"AYE, BROTHER." SEE, THAT'S HOW YOU TALK IN ONE OF THESE. I COULD NEVER SELL THAT.
THIS BATTLE ENDS WITH VICTORY CLEAR AND TRUE!
AYE, BROTHER!
FOR THE EMPIRE.
THE WORDS HAVE BEEN SPOKEN! WE WILL PREVAIL!

BOOM
AVENGERS! THOR! ARES! SIMON! TAKE THE FRONT LINE!
HIT THE SPIDER-WOMAN!!
THAT TOO.
CAPTAIN AMERICA
VILE VILLAIN, YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HELL YOU HAVE UNLEASHED!
THOR
IRON MAN

THE TARGET IS RICHARDS!
HE DIES FOR THE EMPIRE.
IF HE HAD BEEN TAKEN OUT EARLIER...THIS BATTLE WOULDN'T EVEN BE HAPPENING.
SKRULL QUEEN VERANKE AKA SPIDER-WOMAN
IF NOT FOR HIM WE WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN THIS FAR.
IT'S ALL MEANT TO BE. FIGHT OR DO NOT.

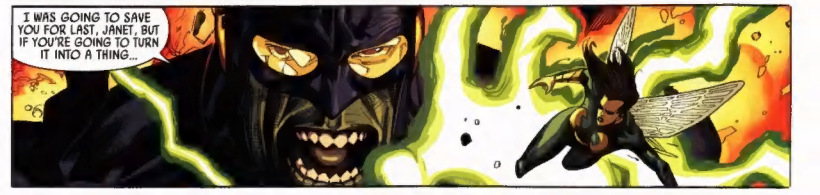
ARES, GOD OF WAR
KEEP THE BATTLE MOVING FORWARD! DON'T GIVE THE ADVANTAGE!
THEY COULD GET MORE ADVANTAGE?!


FURY.
NORMAN.
YOU SHOULD BE IN JAIL.
SO SHOULD YOU.
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA


THE WASP, FOUNDING AVENGER

CAITI NOLL
SKRULL WARRIOR
AKA DOCTOR
HANK PYM
YOU.
CHOK TOAG!
NEE! EXX!
AH, @#--

HI, HONEY.


I WAS GOING TO SAVE YOU FOR LAST, JANET, BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO TURN IT INTO A THING...

NOW THEY'RE GIANTING UP...OKAY. GIVE ME A TARGET, I'LL TAKE IT.
WHAT POWER SET DON'T THEY HAVE? GARGAN, GET UP THERE!
DDABUDDABU
UDDABUDDABUDDA!

THE PROBLEM WITH YOU, JAN, IS YOU ALWAYS...

PLEASE, WITH THE LECTURES.
STATURE, YOUNG AVENGER
KRAKK
SHRAKABOOM
MAN!
GUYS, MY ARMOR ISN'T AT FULL STEAM. I'M HOLDING IT TOGETHER WITH RUBBER BANDS!
WELL, THEN YOU'RE DOING GOOD, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED.
GO FIX YOURSELF, THIS ISN'T THE PLACE FOR-- DAMN!
BULLSEYE, THUNDERBOLT, ASSASSIN.
BLAM BLAM BLAM

AAGGHH!
AVENGERS

I'M SORRY.
I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I CAN. MY ARMOR'S SHOT, I'M USELESS.
DO WHAT THOU MUST!
DAMN!

DAMMIT!
HEADS UP!
SON OF A--

CRAZY!
HA! GOOD TIMES!

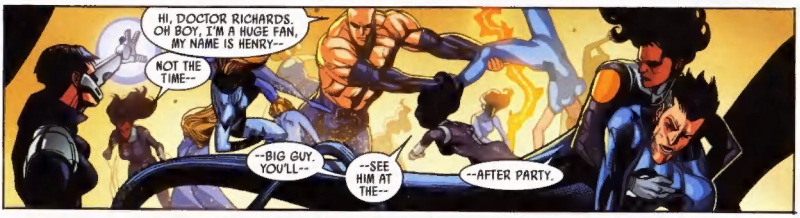
THE MIGHT OF MJOLNIR WILL BRING THEE PAIN BEYOND DESCRIPTION, FOUL BEASTS!
I'M GOING IN, NATALIA!
GO! I GOT YOUR BACK!

HI, SWEETIE.
REED RICHARDS, MR. FANTASTIC

HI SWEETIE!
HI SWEETIE!
HI SWEETIE!

I CAN SEE THROUGH YOU.
!THE FORCE!
THAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH YOU SKRULLS, EVEN WHEN IT DOESN'T WORK, ALL YOU HAVE ARE TRICKS.

COMMANDOS!
SAVE THE RUBBER MAN!
ON IT, BOSS.


HI, DOCTOR RICHARDS. OH BOY, I'M A HUGE FAN, MY NAME IS HENRY--
NOT THE TIME--
--BIG GUY. YOU'LL--
--SEE HIM AT THE--
--AFTER PARTY.

BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM
OKAY, BOYS... TIME TO TAKE THIS @#$% TO THE NEXT LEVEL!
RIGHT.
THE HOOD, CRIME KINGPIN
WOLVERINE, X-MAN/AVENGER

AAARRGG!!
ZZATT
ZZATT
HAARRGGH!
ZZATTT
AAGGH!
CHUNK
ZZATTT
RRRGG!
HEY, YOU KNOW WHAT, THIS AIN'T SO BAD, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED.
HOW'S THAT EXACTLY?
THESE BIG EARTH SHAKERS, I'VE BEEN AROUND THEM. YOU KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE TO WORRY, IS WHEN UATU SHOWS UP.
WHO?
THE WATCHER!
BIG ALIEN BALD GUY IN CHARGE OF WATCHING WHEN THE TRULY INSANE STUFF HAPPENS.
HE'S NOT HERE SO THAT MUST MEAN WE'RE GOING TO BE OKAY AND--
OH COME ON...

LUKE CAGE
BROOM
WELL, THAT'S YOUR OPINION.
BEG TO DIFFER.
CRUNCH
S.H.I.E.L.D. COMMAND, THIS IS TONY STARK. CAN ANYONE READ THIS FREQUENCY? OVER.
HELICARRIER, CAN YOU READ ME? OVER?
DAMN IT.
JARVIS, CAN YOU--
FLANG
AGH!
FWHOAMMM
SSSCHH!
S.H.I.E.L.D. COMMAND, THIS IS TONY STARK.
THERE ARE NO WORDS TO DESCRIBE THE MADNESS WE'RE SEEING UNFOLD BEFORE US.

AVENGERS TOWER
THE POWERED COMMUNITIES HAVE JOINED FORCES AGAINST THE ARMIES OF THIS SKRULL EMPIRE.
WE'RE TRYING TO GET YOU WHAT INFORMATION WE HAVE AS IT COMES IN. TONY STARK, DIRECTOR OF--
CNN
@#$%!
JARVIS
JESSICA JONES
@#$%!
MA'AM?
JARVIS, I NEED TO GO HELP.
THE BATTLE, MA'AM?
YES.
WILL YOU, PLEASE, WILL YOU LOOK AFTER DANIELLE?
YES.
YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M ASKING?
YOU UNDERSTAND WE MAY NOT COME BACK.
I UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY.
BABY, MOMMY HAS TO GO DO THE RIGHT THING FOR ONCE IN HER LIFE.
I'M GOING TO GO HELP YOUR DADDY.

YEAH.
Geegee.
Geegee.
BOOM
IS THAT--?
INCOMING!

KLAM
MY NAME IS NOH-VARR!
I AM A WARRIOR OF THE KREE.
IN THE NAME OF CAPTAIN MAR-VELL!
IN THE NAME OF THE KREE EMPIRE!
I TELL YOU INVADING HORDES THAT THIS FIGHT IS OVER!

YOU HEAR THAT?!
THAT'S OUR CUE, GUYS AND DOLLS!
HIT 'EM HIGH, HIT 'EM LOW!
THUNDERBOLTS, TAKE THE FRONT LINE!
Save the cheese

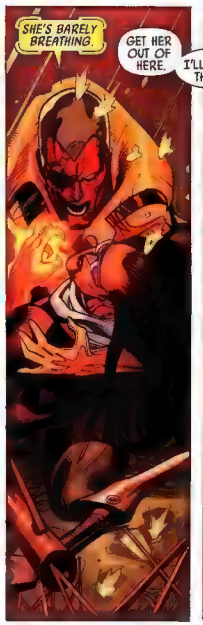
SHAM SHAM SHAM SHAM
SON OF A--

HI, BABY.
WELL, IF THIS AIN'T THE LAST PLACE I EVER EXPECTED TO SEE YOU.
I AM AN ENIGMA WRAPPED IN A RIDDLE.
WHAM

PROBABLY WHY I MARRIED YOU.
I THOUGHT IT WAS THE--
HEY, WHERE'S THE BABY?
BABY COULDN'T BE SAFER. OH, AND YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT THE SKRULL THING.
SHE ADMITTED I WAS RIGHT.

ALL OF A SUDDEN IT'S THE BEST DAY A'MY LIFE.
CLANG
SLAM

HAWKEYE!
AAGGHH!


SHE'S BARELY BREATHING.
GET HER OUT OF HERE.

I'LL TAKE THESE.

SHPUNK
FUNK
SHPUNK
FUNK
BOOM
SHBOOM
FUBOOM
BOOM
RRA!
DAMN!

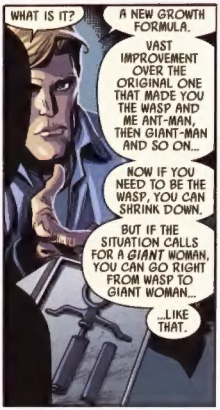
CHUCK
NO...
FUMP
HUURRAGGHH!
AAGGH!
BOOM BOOM BOOM
THEN THIS IS HOW IT MUST BE.
HE LOVES US.
HE LOVES US ALL.
TEN
AGH!

I--I NEED A LITTLE--
FABOOM

AAAGGHHH!

ANNIVERSARY PRESENT.
ANNIVERSARY OF WHAT?
IT'S JUST A PRESENT.
IT'S SOMETHING I WAS WORKING ON BEFORE YOU LEFT ME IN ENGLAND.
I WAS GOING TO SURPRISE YOU WITH IT.

OH, NO...
JANET?!

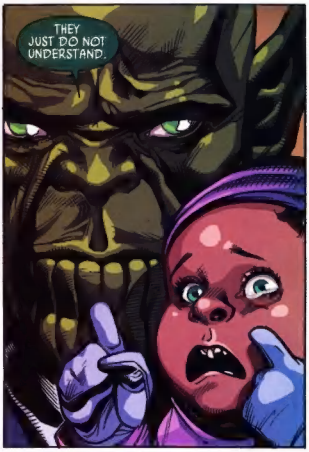

WHAT IS IT?
A NEW GROWTH FORMULA.
VAST IMPROVEMENT OVER THE ORIGINAL ONE THAT MADE YOU THE WASP AND ME ANT-MAN, THEN GIANT-MAN AND SO ON...
NOW IF YOU NEED TO BE THE WASP, YOU CAN SHRINK DOWN.
BUT IF THE SITUATION CALLS FOR A GIANT WOMAN, YOU CAN GO RIGHT FROM WASP TO GIANT WOMAN...
...LIKE THAT.

I FIGURED WITH THE NEW TEAM, THE NEW WORLD, THE INITIATIVE, AND WHATEVER ELSE...
...IT MIGHT BE NICE TO HAVE THE OPTION.
UH, THANKS...

OH, NO...

SEE, CHILD? THAT IS WHY YOUR PEOPLE HAVE TO SUBMIT.

WE CAME HERE WILLING TO DIE SO THAT GOD'S WILL COULD BE DONE.


THEY JUST DO NOT UNDERSTAND.

"THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY THIS ENDS.
"THEY DIE. WE DIE. IT DOESN'T MATTER.
"AS LONG AS THE WORDS OF OUR PROPHETS COME TRUE."
TO BE CONCLUDED...